

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final Amendment Filed 5/8/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,5,9,11-20 and 26-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 11-20, and 26-32 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

a. As for **claim 1**, and all claims depending therefrom, the prior art of record fails to sufficiently describe or suggest a system for enabling automatic determinations of information regarding a person engaging in a business transaction comprising an optical member positioned between an intended location of a viewer and an environment of interest to said viewer. The viewer is defined, as a person engaging in a business transaction with a second person in the environment of interest and the optical member is a divider that is fixed in position relative to the environment of interest. The system also comprises a detector for receiving reflected light from a viewer that has an output responsive to the received light. A processor processes the detector output to identify information regarding the viewer. These along with other limitations render the claims allowable over the prior art of record.

b. As for **claim 12**, and all claims depending therefrom, the prior art of record fails to properly describe or suggest a system for eye detection comprising a dichroic mirror which reflects light have a specific wavelength range, a first and second light source, and a detector. The first and second light sources emit light to impinge on the dichroic mirror at different illumination angles and the light from both sources are equal with respect to wavelength and have substantially equal intensity within the specific wavelength range. These along with other limitations render the claims allowable over the prior art of record.

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c. As for **claims 18 and 27**, and all claims depending therefrom, the prior art of record fails to properly describe or suggest a system for eye detection comprising a dichroic mirror, which reflects light in a driver-detection wavelength range, a first and second light source, and a detector. The first and second light sources emit timed pulses of light toward the dichroic mirror for reflection toward a user to illuminate the user's face. The light sources are controlled to provide alternating emissions of first and second light. These along with other limitations render the claims allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M. Blount whose telephone number is (571) 272-2973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

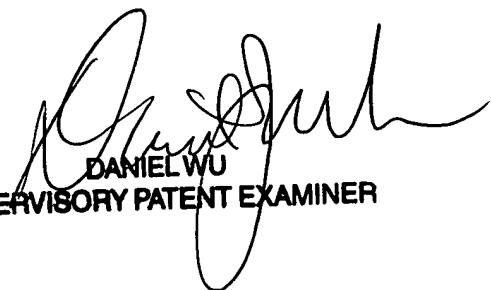
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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